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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report - Key West Bureau -
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I. GENERAL

The cold weather which struck south Florida and Key West in early December continued throughout January. The city's lowest temperature since 1886 -- 41 degrees -- was recorded during the month. The abnormal weather has had a severe economic effect on Florida's agriculture as well as its tourist industry. Key West, too, has been experiencing half-full hotels and empty beaches. This winter may well go down as the coldest in history for the area.

II. OPERATIONS

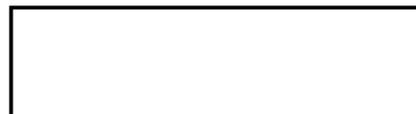
A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The bureau processed two speeches by Fidel Castro and one speech by Raul Castro during the month. Filing from other coverage was relatively light.

2. After lengthy negotiations, contracts were signed with the Caribbean News Agency and with the Mexican Notimex agency. Service is expected to begin during February.

III. VISITS

Mr. Harry Mayers, general manager of the Caribbean News Agency, visited the bureau to sign a contract with FBIS.



Chief, Key West Bureau

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Attachments

cc: Panama Bureau